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August 1, 2003

To: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair  
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From:   
David E. Janssen  
Chief Administrative Officer

## ACCEPTANCE OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC FOREIGN CONSULATE IDENTIFICATION CARD

This memorandum is to inform your Board that I have authorized the acceptance of the Argentine Foreign Consulate Identification Card (FCIC) pursuant to the requirements and procedures of Board of Supervisors' Policy 3.050.

On June 23, 2003, the Consul General of the Argentine Republic requested the County of Los Angeles to accept their FCIC as valid photo identification. On July 3, 2003, I sent your Board a memorandum outlining the procedures for acceptance of FCICs, including providing your Board with three weeks advance notice of my intent to authorize acceptance of a card, in order to provide Board members an opportunity to place the matter on a Board agenda if desired. On July 9, 2003, I sent a memorandum to your Board to advise you of the Argentinean Consulate's request and my preliminary determination that it appeared to comply with requirements for acceptance consistent with Policy 3.050.

Based on information provided by the Argentine Republic, I have determined that their FCIC is consistent with your Board's Policy. Information taken into consideration included an example of the FCIC with all required features, a demonstration on how cards are issued, and a demonstration of the card's security features. Moreover, the International Liaison Section of the Sheriff's Department assisted in verifying that the FCIC has basic security features reasonably designed to protect against fraud and counterfeiting. Also, the Sheriff's Department, as well as other departments, will be able to confirm the authenticity of any FCIC 24 hours a day by calling a hotline number listed on the back of the card.

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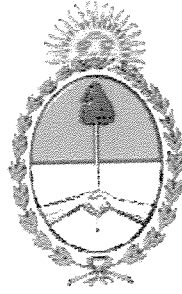
By copy of this memorandum, all County departments are hereby authorized to accept the Argentine Republic FCIC for photo identification purposes only in their normal course of operations and interactions with the public. Attached is background information on the Argentine Republic FCIC, which includes a detailed description of the card's security features.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me, or your staff may call Jerry Ramirez of this office at (213) 974-4282.

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MKZ:JR:nl

Attachment

c: All Departments Heads (VIA FACSMILLE AND COUNTY MAIL)  
Luis Maria Kreckler, Consul General of the Argentine Republic (VIA FACSMILLE & US MAIL)



*Consulate General of the Argentine Republic  
- Los Angeles -*

*Matricula Consular*



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

The Consulate General of the Argentine Republic in Los Angeles will start issuing a new Consular I.D. card –security card- called “Matrícula Consular”. This document is issued by the Government of Argentina to its nationals who reside in a foreign country, as part of new security measures to be enforced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina in order to improve the protection of the Argentine Citizens abroad. The issuance of the document allows the official registration of Argentine Citizens residing in a specific jurisdiction and facilitates offering efficient consular services to which the citizens are entitled.

This Consular Card is issued only for those Argentine Citizens who are able to present their DNI <sup>1</sup> (National Identification Document) to this Consulate. The DNI is the main Argentine form of identification. This photo document is exclusively issued by the Federal Authorities in Argentina upon presentation of the person’s birth certificate and fingerprinting.

### Presenting the card



The Government of the Argentine Republic, hereby requests the authorities to treat the bearer whose photo appears on reverse, with due respect, and in case of need to give all lawful aid and protection.

According to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, in the event of detention, the bearer has the right to contact immediately at:

Consulate General of the Argentine Republic  
5055 Wilshire Blvd. #210  
Los Angeles, CA 90036  
PH: (323) 954-9455 - Emergency (213) 350-4403  
FX: (323) 934-9076  
arconsul@pacbell.net

DNI: 28.682.869  
C.I.: 28.682.869  
Pasp.: 28.682.869H

Luis Krechler  
Consul General

- **The front side**

Each Consular ID or Matrícula Consular shows the card’s identification number, and the bearer’s information – full name, address, place and date of birth.



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This side also includes the bearer's photo, date of issuance and expiration of the card, along with information of the issuing consular office.

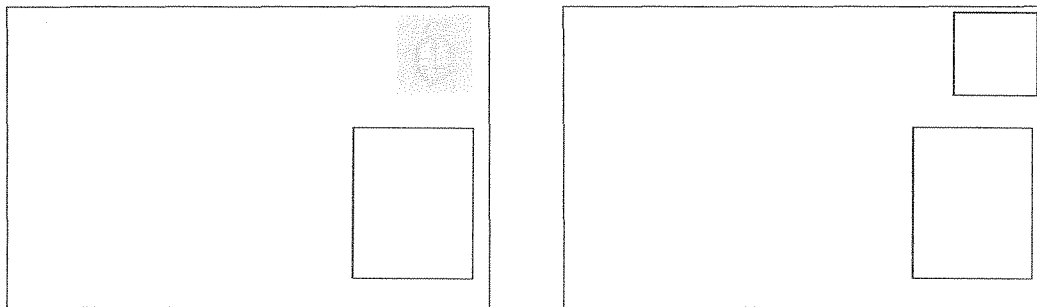
- **The backside**

The backside of the card shows the bearer's passport number as well as his/her DNI (ID Card from the federal authorities) and CI (ID card from the Federal Police Department) numbers. These two federal identification cards contain both fingerprints and bearer's photo.

This side also displays important information, and Consular Data.

### *Security Features*

- 1) Anti-forgery Hologram of the Argentine Emblem, drawn on a golden metal square, positioned on the top right corner. The Hologram uses the clear overcoat of the standard dye film to print several layers of the emblem, preventing the card to be forged, as the clear overcoat cannot be copied or scanned.
- 2) This Hologram is repeated 23 times on the front side, and 24 times on the backside.



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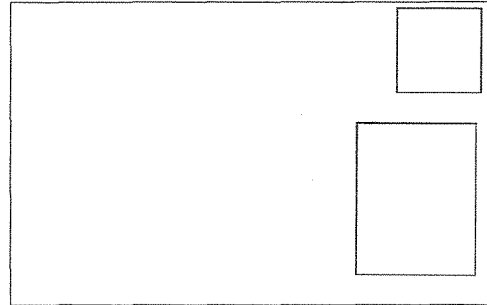
<sup>1</sup> See information attached.



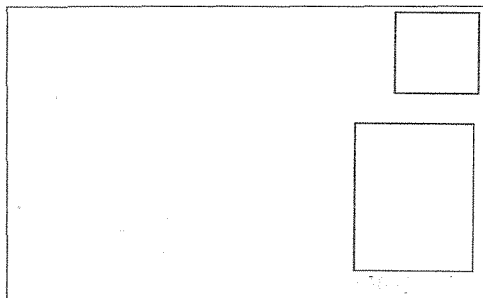
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**Other features**

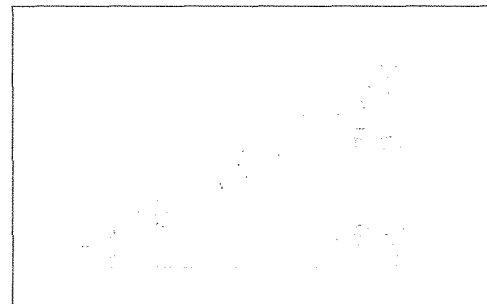
- 1) Faded Official Argentine Emblem on the background rotated 45 degrees on its y-axis and 45 degrees on its x-axis. The emblem is positioned over the picture of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina, and behind the bearer's information and photograph.



- 2) The word "MRECYC" (Spanish acronym for "Ministry of Foreign Affairs") written once right below the bearer's picture on the front side of the card, and twice on the backside.
- 3) The word "CONSULAR I.D. CARD" written on the backside of the card and rotated 45 degrees left.



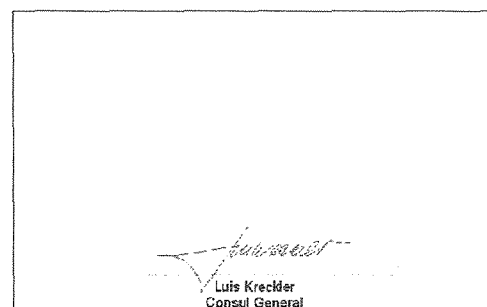
*FRONT*



*BACK*

- 4) The Consul General's signature on the backside of the card.

**For further information, please contact our  
offices at (323) 954-9155.**

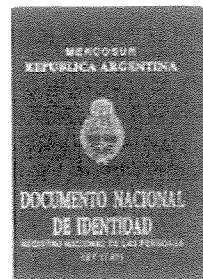




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*What is the DNI?*

The Argentine National Identification Document or DNI is issued to record and identify all Argentine Citizens living within the national territory or within Argentine jurisdiction, as well as all other Argentine citizens living abroad. For the purposes of issuance of a DNI, personal information is recorded from birth and updated through out a person's life. In this way, DNI information is constantly up-to-date. DNI issuance is regulated by Law 17.671.



*What is the DNI for?*

The DNI, issued by the Registro Nacional de las Personas (Argentine Bureau of Vital Records), should be presented for all procedures and in all circumstances in which it is necessary to verify a person's identity. The DNI cannot be replaced by any other form of identification, regardless of the characteristics and issuance office of such documentation.

*Recording of personal information*

The branch offices of the Bureau of Vital Records will fill in the registration form required to enter a new record on the basis of the information and evidence presented to said office. The DNI requesting party will then receive an identification document number that will serve as a certification of the recording procedure and of issuance of the DNI. This number will remain unchanged during the life of the DNI bearer.

*Identification Procedure*

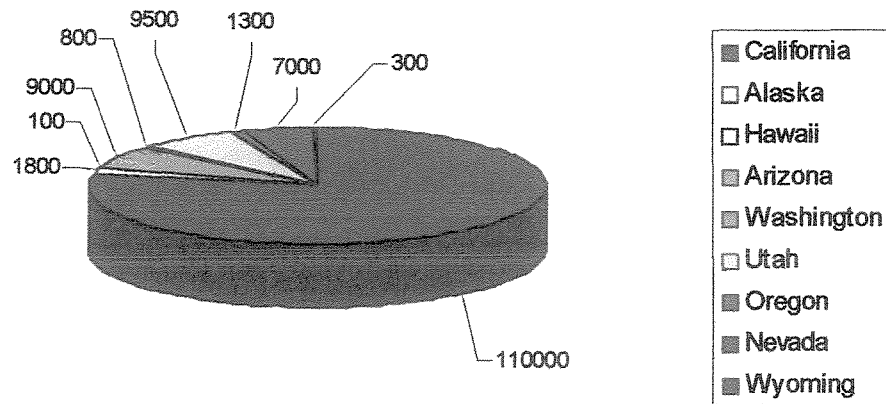
The identification of a DNI bearer takes place at the branch office of the Bureau of Vital Records located in the area where the bearer is domiciled. Verification of identification is performed by means of the following: birth certificate, photographs, fingerprints, physical description, personal information, blood type and Rh factor. The bearer's personal record will also contain a sworn affidavit silting all the information presented at the time of identification.



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Argentine Residents of the west coast: 130,000

**Argentine Residents of the West Coast**



**Argentine Residents by County**

